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# Museum showcases military wives' point of view

By Eileen McWilliams  
Special to the Scout

Have you visited the museums on Fort Huachuca yet? If not, you really should. I'm not just saying this because I happen to volunteer there; I'm simply making the suggestion because I think that it is a very interesting place to visit. Between the Annex, the Military Intelligence Museum and the Main Museum, there is surely something that catches the interest of everyone.

I was asked why I like to volunteer at the museum. To put it simply: it's quiet. I am the mother of two children who like to fight with each other a little too much; not to mention I am a full-time student, cheerleading coach, the Family Readiness Group leader for my husband's company, and I volunteer at both of my children's schools as well. Basically, I'm an over-achiever. So being able to volunteer somewhere that was both peaceful *and* educational that also allowed me to interact with adults...well, that was just too good to pass up. It is almost like free therapy for me.

I work in the gift shop so I am able to visit with

many of the tourists that come through on the days that I volunteer. I'm always surprised by how far away some people travel from. Some are here for their child's graduation, some are here for a long time friend's retirement ceremony, and others are simply here because they call Arizona their home six months out of the year while avoiding the snow and cold of their home towns. My favorites, though, are the ones who were either born here or stationed here many years ago. Sometimes they bring old photographs and I get to see what the post looked like when there was *really* nothing to do here.

I think that I like this military museum so much because it is the first post that I've been to that chronicles the *wives* experience. Every other post has the history of the Soldier, the base and the weaponry, but very little is ever said about what the wife went through or what her day to day life was like. Here, you get a real idea of how hard life must have been, no matter what the Soldier's rank.

Upstairs, there are letters written to family members and friends describing how desolate the lives were of military wives who were first stationed here and what the post was like when it was first inhabited

by Soldiers and their family members.

There are also these great pictures of some of the family members; most of them are posed, but you can still get a feel for what they must have been going through at that time. After all, these women were one of us; we can empathize with their loneliness and isolation. Except for them, it was so much worse. They didn't have the sisterhood that we military wives have today or the resources that are offered to us now. They did it all on their own. You have to really respect those that first led the way in such desolate

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**Correction:**

In the article "Neighbors encounter bear Friday night," which appeared on page A14 of the Sept. 14 Scout, the correct spelling of the name of the first woman quoted is Kristen Stittsworth. We regret the typographical error and regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Clarification:**

"Official 'blood' hound encourages donors," an article that appeared on page A10 in the Sept. 7 issue of the Scout and the accompanying tease photo on page A1 make it appear that the monthly blood drives on post are sponsored by the American Red Cross. Instead, they are sponsored by the Armed Services Blood Program. See A10 of this issue for more information about ASBP.

## Scout On The Street — With the recent problem with snakes and bears, what are you doing to be careful outdoors?



Scott Jessee  
U.S. Air Force, Retired



Brandon Denker, Assistant Manager  
Mountain View Golf Course



Zachary Wick  
Family Member



Justin Ryland  
Department of the Interior



Luke Collins  
U.S. Army Retired

*"Try not to get bit. They're going to be out there, you just have to deal with them. It's their place; we're just kind of inhabiting it."*

*"The bears are probably not going to come this far down the mountain, but the snakes, they're out here. If you don't bother them, they're not going to bother you."*

*"Watch out for them. I haven't really seen any snakes and bears, but I'd run and hide."*

*"I just heard about the bear incident. Be careful when walking around tall grass and things that rattle and are hissing. I'm a Louisiana boy, so I never had to think about bears."*

*"I go really slow through the woods, am more aware of where I'm going and where I'm stepping."*

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# Beware of snakes in the grass

Story by Thom Williams

The monsoon rains have brought the plants that grow in the deserts and mountains surrounding Fort Huachuca to life and energized the animals that live here. With an increase in the small animal population comes their predators--snakes.

"This is a time when wildlife populations are at their peak," said Sheridan Stone, biologist with the Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

"The vegetation is growing and insects and small mammals are reproducing. That's prey for snakes so they are moving around more."

This is also the time of year that snakes reproduce, making for a bumper crop of baby rattlesnakes that reside in thick grasses that enable them to hide from hawks, roadrunners and other predators.

The large number of young rattlers and cool rainy weather has resulted in many encounters between humans and rattlesnakes. There have been an unusually large number of rattlesnake bites in Southern Arizona. In some cases people didn't even realize that they had been bitten by a snake.

Adult rattlesnakes are able to sense a human's or other large animal's size and will use its rattle or fangs to scare away large mammals.

"Quite a large portion of rattlesnake bites in Arizona are dry bites where the snake does not inject venom. They can control that and generally they want to save the venom for offense and getting food," Stone said.

On the other hand, baby rattlers are born with a full supply of venom and are likely to inject all its venom when it strikes making its bite more serious

than that of an adult snake.

There was a recent incident in Graham County of a child playing in a walled yard, where it is suspected that a baby rattler bit the child's toe. The child's parents initially treated the youngster for a scorpion bite because she did not hear or see a snake. It wasn't until the youth developed symptoms of having been bitten by a snake that the child was rushed to the hospital.

The most important thing to remember when dealing with someone who has been bitten by a snake is that all snakebites require immediate medical attention. Get them to an emergency room as quickly as possible.

"Emergency rooms are good at life support, so people need to get to where they can be monitored to see if there are signs of venom in the body," Stone said. "A decision will be made as to whether to give anti-venom or not but they [emergency room personnel] can also clean the wound, give antibiotics and monitor for shock which may be more of a killer than venom."

Stone said that in his opinion, if you do happen to get bit by a snake it's not worth taking the time to try to catch the snake and take it to the emergency room. He said some people do and that's not going to improve the concentration of health care professionals as they treat an injury.

Stone confirmed that snakes are more afraid of humans than humans are of snakes.

"Snakes are pretty well designed to know from our footfalls or a human's body heat that we are big and dangerous and they would rather not encounter us," he said. "They know we are not food and could accidentally step on them just like a bison a hundred



Photo by Debbie Bucher

***This rattlesnake, nicknamed "Rocky," appears to be in a defensive posture amongst the rocks on Fort Huachuca. When enjoying the outdoors, keep your eyes on the ground when walking, and watch where you place your hands.***

years ago or mammoth 10,000 years ago.

"That is presumably why they developed rattles so that mammals with good hearing would not step on them around the water hole," he added.

Stone recommends that those who live on Fort Huachuca wear solid shoes when they go out at twilight or at night. He also said people should take a flashlight with them so they are not surprised by scorpions or snakes.

He went on to say if people do run into a snake where they are either worried about the welfare of the snake or they are worried about their children's or pets safety, the best action to take is to call the Military Police Station at 533-3000.

If you or your pet has been stung or bitten by a poisonous creature, call the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center at 1-(800) 222-1222.

## State Department Mid-East expert speaks

Scout Reports

The Training and Doctrine Command Culture Center presented a cultural awareness lecture with Alberto Fernandez, Director of the Office of Press and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department, Monday at Fitch Auditorium. The topic of his lecture was "Treating Islam as if your life depends on it: Reflections of a long struggle."

Fernandez spent most of his adult life in the Middle East and offered the audience tips for winning over Muslims.

"All people including Arabs and Muslims respond best to conditions which respect their dignity and self-esteem," Fernandez said. "No one enjoys being mistreated or harassed and if you treat someone badly you can expect them to respond badly."

"I think the most important point [of the presentation] is that having an understanding of the Islamic world is very important for us in the Department of Defense, in order to know how to handle the individual people," said Capt. Jason Brown, Co.

A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion.

"I think you have to go in there [Iraq] with an open mind and have an opinion of how I change myself in order to adapt and make those personal commitments, observations and relationships that will establish the peace that we are looking for."

Fernandez was Director for Public Diplomacy in NEA's Office of Iraq Affairs from July 2004 until May 2005. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, speaks fluent Arabic and has held numerous assignments in the Middle East. He served in the U.S. Army and Reserves from 1976 to 1981 and is a graduate of the interrogator course at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center. He holds a master's degree in Middle East Studies from the University of Arizona. Fernandez was born in Havana, Cuba in 1958 and arrived in the United States as a refugee in 1959.

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca is the cultural awareness training proponent for the Army. Cultural awareness is among the Army's highest training priorities, and it is a true combat multiplier.

The Training and Doctrine Command Culture

Center officially opened Feb. 6 and serves as a center of excellence for cultural training, research and development. It provides cultural awareness training to deploying units, to other Army schools and to courses here at the Intelligence Center. The center partners with other organizations, agencies and schools. It researches and develops cultural awareness matters for other hot spots and areas of interest around the world.

The TRADOC Culture Center employs 23 cultural awareness experts and education specialists, 18 linguists, four Ph.D.s and numerous individuals with master's degrees. Combined, this team of experts has more than 100 years of military and civilian experience in the Middle East.

Fernandez was the third speaker in the guest speaker program organized by the TRADOC Culture Center for the U. S. Army Intelligence Center.

Col. Chris Hughes, who defused a tense situation with an angry crowd in Najaf, Iraq by having his Soldiers point their weapons towards the ground and kneel, is scheduled to speak on Oct. 30 at Fitch Auditorium in Alvarado Hall.



# Fort AAFES employees deploy to support troops

Story and photos by Thom Williams  
Scout Staff

Just about anywhere you find a large number of U.S. Servicemembers deployed to the far reaches of the earth, you will usually find an employee of the Army Air Force Exchange Service at the end of a very long supply line living up to the organization's motto, "We go where you go."

At least eight AAFES employees on Fort Huachuca who are currently managers or associates have deployed or are preparing to deploy to areas far from the United States where servicemembers are currently serving.

Peter MacHott, general manager, Fort Huachuca Exchange was deployed to Afghanistan to support the troops during Operation Enduring Freedom while Main Store Manager, Colleen Murray was in Kuwait supporting operations there.

Melinda Glaus, 47, is a cashier at the shoppette near the east gate. She has worked for AAFES for more than 20 years and decided to volunteer for duty in Iraq last year.

She traveled to Fort Bliss, Texas where she was fitted for a gas mask and body armor and attended two weeks of classes to learn basic survival skills that she could be called upon to use in Iraq.

"I wanted to support the military because of what they are doing there for us. I felt that it was the least of what I could do," she said.

Glaus then traveled to Kuwait where she spent two weeks awaiting an assignment.

She then boarded a plane, was bussed in a convoy and took a series of nighttime helicopter flights to her

final destination, Camp Al Taqaddum, nicknamed TQ by American servicemembers.

"We ended up in this one convoy where you had to wear all your gear your hat, your vest and we were dressed in military uniforms just like the Soldiers were, except we had AAFES nametags," she added.

Glaus ended up as the floor manager for the Post Exchange at the camp near Fallujah that she said was occupied by U.S. Marines.

AAFES associates at the camp worked seven days a week with a half day off on Saturday.

She said that the majority of the workers at the exchange were Filipinos who stocked the shelves and served as cashiers.

Glaus said the only time that she had to wear her body armor was when a bomb went off at a gate to the camp.

"We went into the PX back office and waited there until they said it was O.K. to come out," she added.

She also said that every once in a while she would hear loud explosions from mortar rounds going off in the distance.

Glaus said that the Marines were good hosts.

"They made sure that we were taken care of," she said. "Whatever we needed, we got and the tents we stayed in were roomy and air conditioned."

Glaus was slated to stay in Iraq for six months but her husband became ill so she was brought back to Arizona after a month in country.

Michael Ruben, 40, Fort Huachuca AAFES Food Activity manager, is responsible for the operation of the main store food court and the cafeterias at Greely Hall and the

Joint Interoperability Test Command building to include the mobile trucks.

He also runs Cochise Theater and has been at Fort Huachuca for the past 18 months.

Ruben says he grew up as an Air Force brat and has been with AAFES for 20 years. He's spent most of his AAFES career in Germany working in American military communities from Kaiserslautern to Nuremberg.

While stationed at Baumholder, he deployed to Kosovo for six months from January to June of 2000.

He helped to set up a Burger King and cappuccino stand, and also ran the movie theaters on Camp Bondsteel and Camp Montieth to support American peacekeepers in the region.

AAFES employees served as the backbone of the workforce in Kosovo, while local nationals from the surrounding area were trained to perform service-oriented jobs such as making food or running a cash register.

"You have to work with the military a lot because they do background and medical checks to make sure the people you were bringing on post were O.K. and they did not have any bad ties," Ruben said.

Ruben said his most satisfying moments during his tour in Kosovo were when everything came together.

"We had a hard time getting supplies in because the trucks that carried our products could not go through certain countries so they would end up driving down the boot of Italy and then back up through Greece to get to us," he said.

Ruben went on to say he had to give at least a 14-day lead time to order and receive products.

"The toughest part of the job was



**Michael Ruben, 40, Fort Huachuca AAFES Food Activity manager stands in front of the service counter at the Robin Hood Deli in the Main Exchange Food Court.**

just getting everything in sync with all the deliveries and stuff because being food facilities, we were not the number one priority for getting stuff in. When everything worked out, that was the most rewarding part of the job," he added.

Ruben said that one of the strangest moments during his deployment came during his first week there.

On that Saturday there was a gigantic explosion and he saw a large mushroom cloud outside the camp so he ran looking for cover.

What he had forgotten or was not told was that each Saturday Soldiers performed a controlled explosion to destroy ammunition and weapons seized during peacekeeping operations.

"I started to ask myself 'what did I get myself into'," he said.

## Fort kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with festival

Story and photos by Rob Martinez  
Scout Staff

According to Sgt. 1st Class Angela Wright, Headquarters Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Intelligence Center, the activity turned out well, even though they had to fight against the wind to set up the tents. "To actually see the kids enjoying it, it's well worth anything we had to go through," she said.

Wright oversaw the organization of the activities, which included performances of Hispanic dances by members of Alma Dolores International Dance Centre, free Mexican food, traditional

Mexican music by "Trio Latino", and games for children.

Wright isn't taking all the credit, though. She said that other post equal opportunity advisors collectively helped, and Army Air Force Exchange Service provided what they were not able to resource themselves. "Without them, this day would never have happened. ... Soldiers participated as well. All of it came together and it's just fantastic to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the kickoff of this festival we're having here today.

"Hispanic-Americans bring a lot to the table, as far as our culture in gen-

eral," she said.

Alma Dolores, who heads an international dance center, said that they are invited every year to perform on Fort Huachuca during Hispanic Heritage Month. "We are very happy to cooperate with the culture of our city. ... We come to celebrate, and the dancers are happy to learn about different cultures," she said.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, because of the many anniversaries of independence for Latin American countries that take place around that day. Also, Mexico declared its independence from Spain on Sept. 16, 1810.



**Staff Sgt. Sonia Guzman, Company B, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, performs during the Hispanic Heritage festival.**



# Jewish Holy Days conclude with Yom Kippur

## Chapel submission

The Jewish High Holy Day period will conclude with the solemn observance of Yom Kippur--the Day of Atonement, at sundown, Oct. 1 through Oct. 2 one hour after sundown.

The Biblical source for this, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, is found in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 23: "The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "The tenth day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation to you, and you shall afflict your souls. You shall do no work throughout the day for it is a Day of Atonement."

It is from this source that Judaism teaches people how to observe this special day. The Biblical commandment--"to afflict your souls"-- is fulfilled by a complete and total fast, and by abstaining from all eating and drinking from sundown on Sunday to sundown on Monday. The obligation to fast, coupled with five religious services in this 24-hour period, help focus and direct all

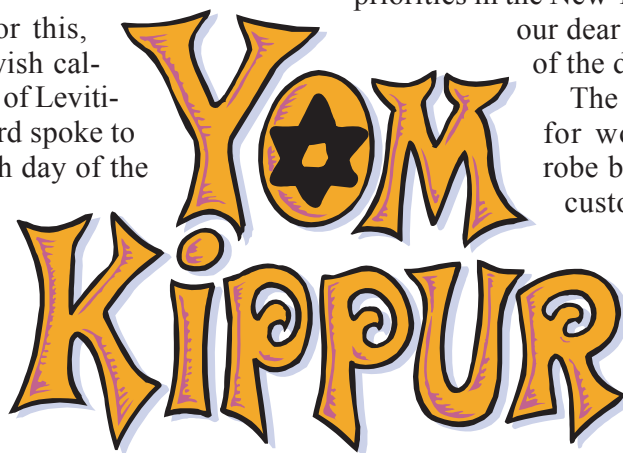
worshippers to address the need to seek forgiveness from G-d, as well as from our neighbors and friends for sins and transgressions. The atmosphere at most synagogues encourages and enables those in attendance to come closer to God and to re-order their priorities in the New Year. A memorial service for our dear departed is a salient feature of the day's worship.

The wearing of white garments for women and a special white robe by all men is a time-honored custom-symbolizing purity and forgiveness, as the prophet Isaiah promises; "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

The conclusion of the Day of Atonement is marked by a single long blast

of the Shofar, which signals the joy and elation of all worshippers who know that G-d has forgiven them for all their misdeeds and shortcomings, and has blessed them with health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year.

For information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Reynolds at 533-4753.



**Jewish military members  
and their families are invited  
to attend services in the  
Sanctuary at the Main Post  
Chapel on the following days:**

**Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m.**

**Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m.**

**Oct. 2, 3:00 p.m. (Minha)**

**Oct. 2, 4:00 p.m. (Yizkor)**

**Oct. 2, 5:00 p.m. (Neilah)**

**Oct. 5:45 p.m. (Break the Fast)  
(Potluck in the Activities Room)**

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# New rainfall record set during 2006 monsoon season

Story by **Michael Collins**  
Scout staff

Visitors to Fort Huachuca may find it hard to believe that the installation is set in high desert with all the evidence to the contrary. Nearly daily rainfall, carpets of flowers and swaths of lush greenery on the surrounding mountains make for a picturesque landscape that exceed any post card sold in hotel lobbies and visitor centers.

Running streams in Huachuca Creek and an overflowing San Pedro River are welcome sites to long time residents. Experienced watchers are enjoying the rain but casting a cautious eye to the future.

"This is the wettest monsoon season in over 30 years," said Steve Erickson, Weather Station Manager at Libby Airfield. "We were five inches below average going into the monsoon. Now we are about an inch and a half ahead of normal for this time of year."

The rainfall is welcome relief, mitigating wildfires that were expected due

to the inordinately dry conditions that Fort Huachuca and Southern Arizona were experiencing. The recent downpours however may only delay the inevitable and actually make conditions worse in the future.

"The down side to this season's monsoon is that we will have a bumper crop of grasses and fuels that will eventually turn dry, creating greater risk of wildfire," said Frank Hammond, Forester for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division. "We still have many trees in the higher elevations in distress from drought in years past."

Garrison Commander Col. Jonathan Hunter also cautions that despite the recent downpours, water conservation measures are still in effect. "We've had a great monsoon season, but our water issues can't be solved by a single season. Continuous water conservation is the foundation to achieve regional water sustainability for the Fort and the San Pedro River, both of which are mission essential."

Hunter also noted "We are a little



Photo by Rob Martinez

***A double rainbow arcs over Brown Parade Field, here. It looks like the pot of gold is in the Fort Huachuca Historical Museum. A rainbow is sunlight spread out into its spectrum of colors by water droplets.***

ahead for the year, but it's not enough to catch up with the droughts of the last few years. We also don't know what's ahead with the long-term climate trends that affect our region. The only way we can be assured of meeting our goals is to forge ahead with conservation as

though the drought will continue for the remainder of the decade. This is how we must safeguard our mission capability."

*Editor's note: 1990 was previously the wettest monsoon season at 13.68 inches but the new record is 14.09 inches as of September 12, 2006.*

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circumstances.

What I find interesting is that what these founding wives were writing home to their friends and families about is the same thing I was writing home to mine about when I first came here: “My kitchen is way too small; I found a scorpion in the bedroom this morning; a black widow crawled across my bare foot the other day.” True story by the way, I thought I was going to have a heart attack when I felt it skitter across the top of my foot.

One thing that I have learned from walking around the museum is that no matter how much history separates the many generations of military wives, some things still remain the same.

***Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, speaks to Soldiers at the 40th Signal Battalion's operation center during his visit here Sept. 14.***

Photo by 1st. Lt. Ryan Jones



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# Post conducts **blood** drive

Story and photos by Anthony Reed

The Armed Services Blood Program held its last monthly blood drive Aug. 29 and 30 at Eifler Fitness Center here.

"A lot of Soldiers are dying because of blood loss," said Sgt. 1st Class Sayda Gastelum, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Blood Donor Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. "It's our job to get them blood. It helps keep them alive."

Gastelum's team comes to Fort Huachuca the last Tuesday and Wednesday of each month for this important job and will return this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. The team's goal is to acquire 300 pints

of blood during the two-day visit.

"Other than being there with them during deployments, this is the most direct way for me and my team to help in the mission," she added.

"I used to be combat arms," said Sgt. Darrick Jenks, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion. "Donating blood is my way of letting my fellow Soldiers know that I'm still with them."

Pfc. James Perez of Company B, 305th MI Bn., is a regular donor. "I give when I can," he said. "Hopefully this can save some lives."

Spc. Marcus Miller of 111th Military Intelligence Brigade has been deployed before. "I'm doing this for those who are deployed now," he said. "There's

a good chance that I'll be back over here with them. Hopefully others will donate as well."

The ASBP welcomes everyone through the doors. Once inside, potential donors are screened to see if they are eligible to donate.

Once potential donors are screened, they then have their blood pressure, temperature and pulse checked. Also, the iron in their blood is measured. Once they pass those tests, the medical technicians proceed with taking the blood.

Donors are treated with drinks and snacks at the hospitality table to help rebuild their strength after donating.

Pfc. David Price of Company F, 309th MI Bn. is a veteran donor. "I give every time because everyone needs it," he said.

If you missed this opportunity, mark your calendars for the last Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at Eifler Fitness Center. Your donation could save a life or two.

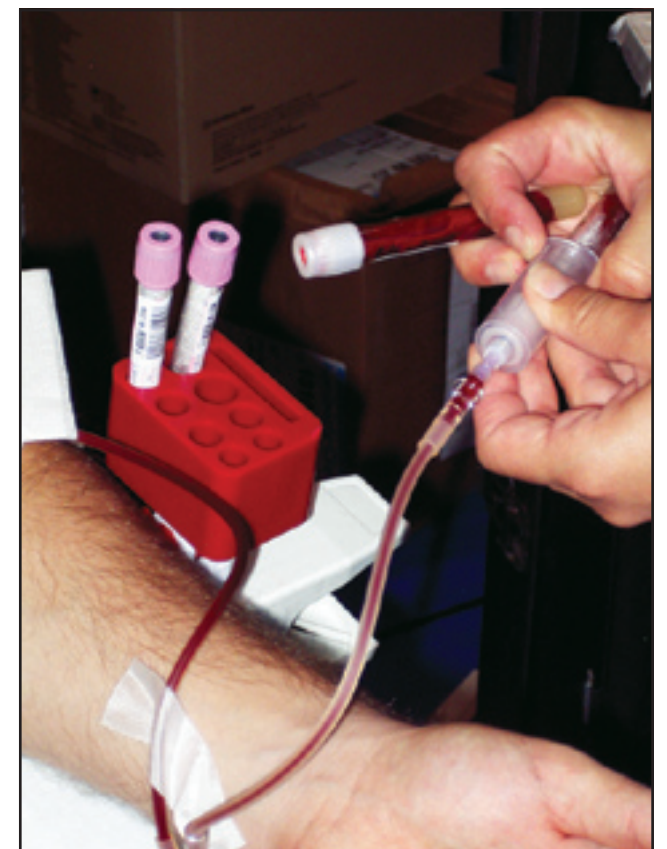
Those who cannot donate blood due to deferment for any reason are welcome to help out at the hospitality table.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Sara Sandstrom at 459-2293.



**Left: A unit gets briefed by their drill sergeant outside Eifler Fitness Center before volunteering to donate blood at the recent Armed Services Blood Drive.**

**Once donors pass screening tests, medicine technicians proceed with taking blood.**





# Students train at Site Maverick during MIBOC



*2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Justin Wright double checks grid coordinates during a land navigation exercise, final phase of the Military Intelligence Officers Basic Course.*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.s Justin Wright and Elia Gonzales confirm grids with classmate Christian Reime, a German Soldier, during land navigation exercise.*



Photos by Ken Robinson

*Students of the Military Intelligence Officers Basic Course Class 06-503 head to the field during an exercise at Site Maverick, here.*

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## Range closures announced

Thursday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AL, AM, AP, AQ, AR, AU, AV, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Friday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AL, AM, AP, AQ, AR, AU, AV, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Saturday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AP, AQ, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AP, AQ, T1, T1A, T2

Monday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AK, AL, AP, AQ, AR, AU, AV, AY

Tuesday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AK, AL, AP, AQ

Wednesday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AK, T1, T1A, T2, T3

For more information on range closures contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to daily change

## Joint Assumption of Charter Ceremony

A joint Assumption of Charter Ceremony will be held for the Training and Doctrine Command capability manager, Air Sensors and the TRADOC capability manager, Ground Sensors at 8 a.m. Oct. 3 in Fitch Auditorium, Alvarado Hall. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Diane Quast at 533-1804 or Carolyn Carlson at 533-4943.

## Housing area utility project underway

Construction to relocate overhead power and communication lines underground in Cavalry Park 5 Housing Area is underway. This construction is necessary to install the conduit for electric, communication lines, and Cox and Qwest services in this area.

For safety reasons, residents and visitors should limit use of the roads in the affected area.

## ACAP hosts employer visit day

The Army and Career Alumni Program will host an employer visit day, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 on Butler Street. The fair provides a venue for Soldiers, family member, and industry representatives to discuss their mutual interests.

ACAP is a comprehensive program designed to prepare separating service members and their family members for life outside the military by offering pre-separation counseling and job assistance training.

For more information, call ACAP at 533-5764.

## Widowed Support Center Anniversary

The Fort Huachuca Widowed Support Center is celebrating the silver anniversary of its founding 25 years ago with a light reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 21 at the center.

Center staff provide services to all widowed people in the Sierra Vista area. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The WSC is located at the corner of Fry Boulevard and Buffalo Soldier Trail in the first building visitors see when entering Fort Huachuca's main gate.

For more information call 533-3807.

## HRD holds organization day

The Human Resources Directorate will be closed for their Organizational Day Picnic tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Casualty Assistance Office will remain open.

## Eagle Scout Scholarships available

The National Eagle Scout Association will begin accepting applications on Oct. 1 for Hall/McElwain merit scholarships from Eagle Scouts who are graduating high school seniors or undergraduate college students.

The scholarship can be used at an accredited four-year college or university that offers at least a bachelor's degree upon completion of study. For more information and to download the application form visit the NESA Web site at [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org).

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Army Community Service will present a series of educational classes regarding domestic violence.

The classes will be held from 5 to 6 p.m., Oct. 4; from 10 to 11 A.M., Oct. 13; and from 5-6 p.m., Oct. 23 at the ACS Building, 50010.

For more information, call Lana Tompkins-Stutzman, at 533-2993 or ACS at 533-2330.

## Relocation Workshop offered

Army Community Service offers a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move, at 2 P.M., Tuesday. The workshop address expectations, entitlements and budgeting for the move, and is held at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

## ASP closed

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed for inventory Wednesday through Sept. 29.

For more information, call Manny Bringas at 533-2512.

## Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide information about the installation and the community, and a tour of the post.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

## ACS offers sibling class

Army Community Service will offer a "super sibling" class 5 - 6 p.m. Sept. 28 at the ACS conference room.

The class is geared for ages 2 - 8 and provides information about life with a newborn, from a child's point of view. A parent must accompany the child to the class.

For more information, call ACS at 533-2330.

## Family Readiness Group Training held

Family Readiness Group Training will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at Army Community Service, Building 50010. Training will be provided covering all aspects of running an effective FRG, including responsibilities, informal funds and sponsorship.

Registration is required by calling ACS at 533-2330 or e-mailing: [pamela.j.allen@us.army.mil](mailto:pamela.j.allen@us.army.mil).

## Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations: Michael Clark, DPS; Alicia Doyle, WCPOC; Linda Haldorson, MEDDAC; Pamela Hastings, CA/ITEC-4; Aline Knight, IG; Shirley Michaud, DOIM; Lora Otero, CSLA; Patricia Paiz, 305th MI Bn; Susan Pester, MEDDAC; Scott Van Voorst, FUTURES.

For additional information regarding the Leave Donor Program or how you can donate annual leave, contact Schenando Nason, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, at 533-5273.

<b>Protestant Sunday Services</b>		<b>Women's Ministry Bible study</b>		<b>Sunday 9 a.m.</b>		<b>Latter Day Saints Service</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Gospel	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.			Sunday	1 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	<b>Bible Study/Choir Practice</b>		<b>Catholic</b>		<b>Youth Ministries</b>	
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Thursday	6 p.m.	• CCD		• Middle school	
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant	<b>Ministerial Staff Training</b>		• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 4 - 5 p.m.	
		Tuesday	6 p.m.	Friday 3 - 6 p.m.		• High school	
<b>Roman Catholic Worship</b>		<b>Men's Choir Rehearsal</b>		• MCCW		Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.	
Mon.-Fri.		Tuesday	7 p.m.	1st Friday 9 a.m.			
Mass	11:30 a.m.	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>		<b>Korean</b>		<b>Legend</b>	
Sunday Mass	9:15 a.m.	3rd, 4th Saturdays	8:30 a.m.	Choir practice		Main Post	
Sunday Mass	noon	<b>Women's Choir</b>		• OCIA		Main Post, Room 24	
<b>Jewish Worship</b>		2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.	<b>Muslim Prayer</b>		Main Post Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
2nd, 4th Friday	7 p.m.	<b>Women's Choir</b>		Friday 12:15 p.m.		Prosser Village	
<b>Protestant</b>		5th Saturdays	11 a.m.	<b>Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b>		Kino Chapel	
• PWOC		<b>Youth Church</b>		1st & 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m.		Eifler	
Tuesday 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.		1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th					



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# Fort Huachuca settles Center for Biological Diversity lawsuit

By Tanja Linton

Media Relations Officer

In an effort to meet critical and rapidly changing national security missions, earlier this year Fort Huachuca decided to reconsult with the Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act.

Fort Huachuca's proactive decision to re-initiate consultation was instrumental in the Center for Biological Diversity and the Army agreeing to settle the lawsuit involving activities at Fort Huachuca and the impact of these activities on the San Pedro River basin. The agreement was recently approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Fort Huachuca continues to reduce its water consumption and to be a proactive, responsible environmental steward of the area's natural resources. The Fort will continue to set the standard and protect the natural resources in the area.



*Employees of Marsh Development remove grass from Fort Huachuca housing areas in preparation for placement of gravel as part of a water conservation effort.*

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# Who's authorized to shop AAFES?

## AAFES news release

From Fort Bragg to Baghdad, military installations the world over are home to more than 3,000 Army & Air Force Exchange Service food, entertainment and retail options. From contractors to tourists to guests, Army posts and Air Force bases host a variety of visitors who often ask, "Who's authorized to shop these facilities?"

"That's probably the most common question I receive," said AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. "It stands to reason that visitors want to take advantage of the tax relief and competitive prices they've heard so much about, but AAFES doesn't decide who is or isn't authorized."

Exchange service authorization actually begins with the House Armed Services Committee and

ultimately ends with the installation commander. The guidelines, as prescribed by Army Regulation 60-20 and Air Force Joint Instruction 34-210, require proper identification of authorized customers including uniformed personnel and members of the Reserve Components and family members, applicable Department of Defense civilians, exchange associates and retirees who possess a basic exchange purchase privilege authorization card. Some government civilians also enjoy exchange shopping privileges when they are assigned or TDY overseas; or "TDY and residing" in government quarters on posts/bases in the United States.

The access of authorized customers' guests is regulated by installation commanders who are empowered by service regulations to determine the guest policy for the main exchange at their respective base/post.

While authorizations governing who can buy merchandise and services can vary from location to location, the doors to AAFES' 2,109 food facilities, including 1,806 name and signature brand outlets, are open to virtually anyone. In fact, DoD policy allows all federal government employees and even installation visitors to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on the installation.

Anyone who believes they may qualify for exchange benefits including access to the main exchange should contact the AAFES manager for additional guidance as well as information regarding possible exceptions at specific PX/BX locations. Store-level contact information for the various military installations is available online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) under the BX/PX "Store Locator" link.

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# Army aims to ease deployment woes, save m

By Rob Martinez

Scout Staff

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, circa 268 A.D., Rome was involved in many bloody campaigns. Claudius was having a difficult time enlisting Soldiers into his military. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. A Roman priest, St. Valentine, secretly married couples, and for this act of defiance, Valentine was apprehended and condemned to death.

America's Army never had such a cruel approach to marriage, yet in past decades, the Army's sentiments were articulated in the phrase, "If the Army wanted you to have a wife, it would have issued you one." Currently, instead of deterring marriage, the Army has taken a holistic approach intending to educate Soldiers and their prospective spouses and offer support to those who choose to marry or enlist while married.

Pastor T. L. Simpson, Kino Chapel, Fort Huachuca, who retired from the Army with 22 years of service, believes that communication is one of the most successful aspects of a marriage, especially in the military.

"I look at the trend indicators from my time of service and what I know now. When we look at the divorce rates ... we find that deployments have had a heavy toll on marriages," he said.

Simpson explained that many Soldiers are going overseas in different deployment areas, and deployments are longer. He said, "Families are having to weigh some things in their own lives. One of those things being, 'I'm not sure if my spouse is going to come back alive.' This is taking a huge toll emotionally."

Pre-deployment jitters, the deployment itself, and how many times the Soldiers have to be rotated are some things that are simply beyond the control of Army families, and some are not dealing with them too well.

"We're seeing a toll on both fronts, not on just the families, but the Soldiers having to decide some things," Simpson explained.

Some of these decisions include life insurance and finances.

According to Simpson, there are presently more divorces for officers. "There's been a level divorce rate for junior enlisted and Noncommissioned Officers, but the officers are seeing a trend indicator.

"We're not sure why that is," he said.

Simpson explained that there have always been situations where people marry young, then they disconnect by deploying or going on an unaccompanied tour. This is nothing new. What's new is the number of officers having an

increase in the number of divorces as a result of deployments.

"I'm speculating here. We, as the chaplaincy, having looked at some of the research, see some of it as spouses just not wanting to deal with being away from their spouses any longer. They want more of a stable environment for their children as well as themselves. It boils down to a security and stability issue. They are not comfortable with the number of rotations that their spouses are encountering."

Simpson said he spoke to a young wife and child recently. Her husband is getting ready to redeploy in a few months, but already has a rotation date to head back to Iraq in August of next year. He has not seen his infant yet. Even though he has two months before he gets home from being deployed to Iraq, there's no guarantee that he's going to get back.

"Knowing that he already has a rotation date to go back in August, can you imagine the toll it must take on a young family?"

"These are the things I think are some of the challenges of the command, challenges of the clergy. How do we comfort these families in times such as we're in? The Global War on Terrorism has taken a huge toll on us, and will continue to do so until the tide turns ... and the terrorist threat is lessened, and we are able to become a little more comfortable at how we are doing business, how we are reacting and dealing with them."

To help quell such stressors, Simpson attests that the command can let families know what to expect, keep them informed, and make sure the support groups are there to aide them in any crisis, with any needs they may have that their deployed spouses would normally do.

Offering other outreach activities to help occupy time, and allowing communications, to some extent, with the spouses while Soldiers are in theater also helps to comfort the spouses and

families back home. Just having a solid foundation of command leadership that is able to make sure that all the necessary things that families need back home are being met helps ease pressures of a spouse deploying.

"That's a challenge," Simpson said. "Some families are very private, not so open to social involvements. But I think those challenges are mitigated by the command presence, having a good fall-back plan here ... letting them know that they do matter."

Simpson acknowledged that some people like their privacy, and may not desire to take part in unit activities. He speculated that those people are independent enough, strong enough socially and spiritually, that they do not need the support that other families are going to need, but they are few compared to those who have a social nature.

He also said that members of the Soldier's unit or church can get in touch with a family friend of those family members who feel they don't fit in with what is available, to communicate to them that there is support and that people do care. He encourages Soldiers and their spouses to develop relationships in their church, and hopes that the impetus bleeds over to the members' workplaces to make friends there as well.

"I felt it was needed from a spiritual standpoint, so Soldiers do not have to worry about their families once they deploy.

"When a Soldier knows that they [spouses] have developed such a relationship ... the deployed soldier will find comfort," he explained.

Considering the length of deployments, Simpson said that it's difficult to speculate about the need for the war fighters on the ground, because the Army's focus is on the mission.

"Yes, we try to ease the tensions, but even if we were to shorten those tours ... it's not going to take away the deployment jitters, because we are bombarded and inundated on a constant basis with the images of our fallen heroes."



Photo by Rob Martinez

*Spouses can share special moments as well as responsibilities, but if a Soldier is deployed, on temporary duty or on an unaccompanied tour, the Soldier's command has programs available so spouses don't have to take care of all family affairs alone. Here, Spc. Richie Walck and his wife, Shelley share an important moment as their first-grade daughter Brittany starts her first day of school at Col. Johnson Elementary on Aug. 9.*

Simpson countered deployment based on the fact that though a spouse was away, or she may find it is a challenge for, especially if the spouse is in military life. Some families are inadvertently deceived by not explaining fully the challenges of military life.

"This is what the challenge is, 'How do you get a spouse into the military? It is essential in order to deal with the mental stressors of military life."

It boils down, Simpson said, to stress a person can handle.

Although the Army's marriage and the military's activities aimed at supporting Soldiers who are married in active duty, Simpson said, he has a complete view of the challenges — what to expect.

"Some of the challenges the military faces is the message by the command [aspects], and not the Recruiting and information coming in, not necessarily coming with them."

This responsibility for prospective spouses should be shared with the command.

"From my standpoint, I've done a lot of counseling with wives before I performed the ceremony. I'm doing so really allow each other beyond the lustfulness that is a part of marriage. I want them to deal with the means, and that is how one brings to the relationship the financial pitfalls they face with, the family issues."

"I deal with a lot of counseling sessions."

(Editor's note: This article is a continuation of a story concerning marriage in the Scout.)

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ids that spouses deal with on their social makeup. Even as told about military life, he is more than they bargained for. They have never been around Soldiers, he explained, may give a prospective spouse by what a military marriage is

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Look for part two of the series ge in the Army, in next week's

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# Service News



## Ultimate sacrifice in support of Global War On Terrorism

**Sgt. David Weir, 23**, of Cleveland, Tenn., died on Sept. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered on Sept. 13 when he encountered enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire during combat operations. Weir was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Capt. Matthew Mattingly, 30**, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, died on Sept. 13 in Mosul, Iraq, when he encountered enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Mattingly was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Sgt. Jeremy DePottey, 26**, of Ironwood, Mich., died on Sept. 11 in Asadabad, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered in a single vehicle accident. DePottey was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Sgt. 1st Class Michael Fuga, 47**, of Nuuli,

American Samoa, died on Sept. 9 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when he encountered enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Fuga was assigned to the Army National Guard's 35th Special Troops Battalion, Kansas City, Mo.

**Spc. Alexander Jordan, 31**, of Miami, Fla., died on Sept. 10 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when he encountered enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Jordan was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

**Sgt. Nathaniel Lindsey, 38**, of Troutdale, Ore., died on Sept. 9 in Shajoy, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when his HMMWV encountered undetermined ordnance from enemy forces during patrol operations. Lindsey was assigned to the Army National Guard's 41st Brigade Combat Team, Portland, Ore.

**Cpl. Johnathan Benson, 21**, of North Branch,

Minn., died Sept. 9 from wounds suffered on June 17 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Pfc. Anthony Seig, 19**, of Sunman, Ind., died on Sept. 9, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained when he encountered indirect fire from enemy forces while on base. Seig was assigned to the Army's 118th Military Police Company, 519th Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Sgt. David Gordon, 23**, of Williamsfield, Ohio, died on Sept. 8, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Gordon was assigned to the Army's 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood Texas.

Two Soldiers died in Kabul, Afghanistan, on

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## POW's/MIA's honored

Story and photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

Sept. 8, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV. Both Soldiers were assigned to the Army Reserve's 405th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. Killed were:

**Sgt. 1st Class Merideth Howard, 52**, of Alameda, Calif.

**Staff Sgt. Robert Paul, 43**, of The Dalles, Ore.

**Sgt. Luis Montes, 22**, of El Centro, Calif., died on Sept. 7 in Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, of injuries suffered on Sept. 1 in Abu Ghraib, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. Montes was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Sgt. John Carroll, 26**, of Ponca City, Okla., died on Sept. 6 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries sustained when he came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during a dismounted security patrol. Carroll was assigned to the Army 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Servicemembers and civilians turned out in droves Friday morning at Chaffee Parade Field to participate in the U.S. Army Garrison Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Walkathon.

The event paid tribute to the profound sacrifices POWs, MIAs and their families have made for their country.

A bugler from the 36th U.S. Army Band dressed in a physical training uniform began the ceremony by playing "Reveille" as the American flag was raised and the servicemembers saluted.

Jim Chambers, the post deputy garrison commander, then introduced Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry Rauch who gave the invocation.

Chambers then introduced the keynote speaker retired Master Sgt. Alfred Simpson, a Korean War POW who also served in Vietnam.

Simpson lives in Sierra Vista and retired out of Fort Huachuca in 1977, with 27 years of military service.

Simpson spoke to the gathering about the spirit of liberty and unity that helped him survive while being held as a POW.

"As a prisoner of war under the Chinese we learned that to survive, we must be united and we found ways to be united," he said.



**Soldiers in physical training uniforms walk down Stein Avenue heading towards Chaffee Parade Field on Friday, as they take part in the post's POW/MIA Recognition Day.**

"Even the communists learned from this bond because as hard as they tried to break our bond, a bond of unity, the stronger our bond became."

In summation Simpson thanked the gathering and added, "as you march forward in memory of these veterans that have failed to return to our shores, continue with God's speed."

Senior leaders lead the formations off the parade field to begin the 2-mile walkathon that finished back at the parade field.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is customarily observed on the third Friday of September.

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# Military Idol Finals tomorrow at TMAC

The final local round of the Military Idol Competition will be held at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Patrons are invited to come out and support their favorite contestant at the competition.

Army MWR, in the tradition of the "American Idol" television series, is sponsoring the competition.

Six Fort Huachuca active duty military personnel are competing for cash prizes and for the title of "National Military Idol."

The finalists include: Sgt. Dushaune Gains, 556<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Company; Staff Sgt. Thor Campbell, 269<sup>th</sup> Signal Company; Spc. Edison Jeffery, 86<sup>th</sup>

Signal Battalion; Spc. Heather Campbell, 309<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion; Pvt 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Tyler Martz, Company F, 309<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion; and Spc. Alecia Hightower, 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Company.

At the installation level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$100; 2nd place, \$250; and 1st place, \$500. The winner at each installation will be submitted for consideration on the national level.

Twelve national finalists will be chosen to compete at the National Military Idol Competition, to be held Oct. 28 - Nov. 6 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

At the national level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$500; 2nd place, \$1000; and 1st place, \$2000.

For more information, call TMAC at 533-3802.



Courtesy photo

## Winter golf league coaches' meeting

The coaches' meeting for the 2006 winter golf program will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at Barnes Field House.

Any units interested in participating should attend this meeting. Format of play and tee times will be decided.

This is a recreational program, open to all authorized MWR patrons.

For more information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or e-mail [michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil](mailto:michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil).

## Sale at MVGC pro shop

The Mountain View Golf Course will hold a year-end sale tomorrow through Sept. 30. Selected golf shoes and gloves will be marked down 30%. Starter sets will be marked 15% off, and selected apparel will be priced up to 25% off. There will be an opportunity drawing for prizes. No purchase is necessary.

For two days, Sept. 29 and 30, all merchandise in the pro shop will be marked at least 5% off.

MVGC is located at Building 15479 and is accessible to everyone from Wilcox Avenue, off Buffalo Soldier Trail.

For more information, call 533-7088.

## Trail ride, steak BBQ, set for Sept. 30

From 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 30, Buffalo Corral will offer a trail ride, followed by a steak barbecue. The ride is open to everyone.

Reservations are required by close of business the day before the ride.

For more information, call 533-5220.

## Classes, activities at Sportsman's Center

The Sportsman's Center will offer a basic pistol course from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 30.

The class will teach safe firearm handling, how to clean and store a firearm and shooting fundamentals.

Cost is \$12.50 per person and includes instruc-

tion, range fee and ear protection. Participants are encouraged to bring their own firearms. Ammunition is not included.

A hunters' education course will be held October 2, 4, 6, 10, 12 from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. Range Day will be on Oct. 14, and the time will be announced.

The class will be held at the Fort Huachuca Quality Training Center, Room 3, Bldg. 22420, Butler Rd.

Cost is \$7 per person. Pre-registration and payment are required at the Sportsman's Center.

The Hunters' Education Course is required for all people who intend to hunt on Fort Huachuca. The class is made possible by the Arizona Game & Fish Department, FH Wildlife Office and the Sportsman's Center.

A fun shoot will be held Oct. 7 and 8. Shooters are invited to compete in one of three weapon categories: pistol; rifle, iron sights; and rifle, scoped.

Cost is \$6 per person and includes range fee and one target. One winner will be announced in each category. The winners will receive free range passes.

Patrons are invited to learn the basics of trap and skeet shooting with certified instruction at the beginners' trap and skeet clinics. These clinics are held at noon, each Friday in September, and Oct. 6 and 20.

Cost is \$10 and includes ear plugs, one box of ammunition, rental shotgun and one round of targets.

For more information, call 533-7085.

## Get TCC tickets at Murr CC

The MWR Tickets and Recreation Program Registration Office has tickets available for the following events at the Tucson Convention Center: tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday, "The Lion King;" Oct. 10 - 15, "The Ten Tenors;" and Oct. 18 - 22, "The Incredibles."

TCC tickets are available from 10 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Murr Com-

munity Center.

For more information, call 533-2404.

## B.O.S.S. to hold food drive

Supplies at the Fort Huachuca Chaplain's Food Locker are low and need to be replenished.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will sponsor a food drive to help restock the shelves at the food locker Oct. 14 and 15.

Donations will be accepted at the Commissary from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. those two days.

Some of the items that are needed include: canned meats and fish, canned soups and pasta, canned fruits, condiments such as salad dressing, mayonnaise, mustard and ketchup, boxed cereal, dry packaged pasta, canned dinners, flour, sugar and rice.

Donations of hot dogs, packaged ground beef and cut-up chicken will also be welcomed.

In addition to these and other food items, the food locker also needs all sizes of disposable diapers and toilet tissue.

For more information, call 533-4748 or e-mail [widtfeldtj@hua.army.mil](mailto:widtfeldtj@hua.army.mil).

## Vet clinic offers services for pets

The Fort Huachuca Veterinary Clinic serves military working dogs, Border Patrol dogs and horses, U. S. Forestry Services horses, Buffalo Corral horses, and B Troop horses, plus over 5000 privately-owned animals.

Appointments for procedures such as vaccinations, nail trims and heartworm tests, done by veterinary technicians, are available from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The clinic is open from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday, for sales only of pet-related items.

From 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, procedures performed by technicians are available on a walk-in basis. No appointment is necessary.

Veterinary Services also offers a night clinic on a quarterly basis.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 533-2767.



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# The Scout TimeOut

## Camp Newell — help solve a local history mystery

By Debby Swartzwelder

Special to the Scout

Camp Naco, known today as Camp Newell, is an adobe compound located in the northwest section of Naco, Ariz. Just west of the Turquoise Valley Golf Course on Newell Street, the camp is a curiosity to those who pass by. This compound, comprised of two quadrangles of barracks and several quarters and outbuildings, appears to have a military history, but no markers or signs disclose its interesting past- a past connected to the Mexican Revolution, to the military presence on the border, to the Buffalo Soldier history of this region, and to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s.

There is no disputing Naco's place in history, but it is the compound's origin which is somewhat mysterious, for while many are familiar with the camp's past, few documents and photographs have surfaced which reveal the exact construction information and use of these buildings. The search for this information has spanned at least two decades, possibly longer, with each failed quest bringing more questions than answers.

The beginning of the Mexican Revolution in 1910 raised concerns in Washington D.C. that rebel fighting might spill over onto American soil and threaten the citizens and economic interests in the region. In response to this perceived threat, the U.S. Government sent troops to this southern border, with Naco being one of the destinations of military forces.

Naco had a military presence from 1911 through the end of 1923, with troop strengths ranging from 50 to 5,000 during that time. And, while the War Department stationed elements of various units in Naco, the primary presence was the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments, and later the 25th Infantry Regiment, all known as Buffalo Soldier units. The 10th Cavalry, the unit with the longest presence in Naco, was commended for their exceptional service in preserving neutrality laws despite being under frequent threat of gunfire. In 1922, the 25th Infantry Regiment took over from the 10th as guardians of the border until closure of this station in December 1923.

Based on information which has been discovered, primarily from Cochise County records and articles in The Bisbee Daily Review, the camp was constructed between 1919 and 1923 as part of the War Department's Mexican Border Defense construction project, a plan to build a 1,200-mile "fence" along

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## GOOD times at FUN Fest

Story and photos by Anthony Reed



**Pfc. Dru Brooks, Fort Huachuca Marine Corps Detachment, invites visitors to see if they can be a part of "the few, the proud, the Marines" by challenging their pull-up skills.**



**The Fun Festival was held at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista Friday through Sunday.**

The Fun Festival held at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista Friday through Sunday proved a great opportunity for the city and post communities to have fun together.

Staff Sgt. Consuelo Spears of Headquarters, U.S. Army Intelligence Center brought her two daughters, Kenya, 6, and Cali, 4, to the festival. "It's a great way to beat the heat," she said. "My daughters would stay here all day if they could."

The Fun Festival featured foods like funnel cakes, bratwurst, cotton candy, caramel apples and an unusually long line for lemonade. There were rides for "children" age 2 to 100. The band shell featured local bands, demonstration teams and karaoke fun. Vendors sold everything from paintings to t-shirts. There was a Voters Registration Booth, and all of the Armed Services were represented as well.

Sgt. Clark Carpenter, Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, brought his wife Amy and 6-week-old daughter Bethany to the festival. "It's not one of the big amusement parks, but it feels like it," he said. "Bethany's a little too young to know what's going on, but I'm sure my wife enjoys this change of scenery."

The Marine Corps had one of the most popular displays at the festival. It included a black SUV trimmed with the Marine logo, a huge air-filled drill instructor balloon and a pull-up bar with an actual Marine standing nearby to challenge patrons to test their strength.

"People have been coming by all day," said Marine Pfc. Dru Brooks, Fort Huachuca Marine Corps Detachment. "They want to see if they can be part of 'the few, the proud, the Marines'."



**Students from the American Okinawan Karate Academy give demonstrations at the Fun Festival.**



# Post Fitness Centers get upgrades *More plans in works*

Story and photo by Thom Williams  
Scout Staff

New exercise equipment and flooring has been installed in the Nautilus® rooms at Barnes Field House and Eifler Physical Fitness Center.

The upgrade is part of a larger program spearheaded by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation to upgrade all fitness facilities on Fort Huachuca.

“What we want to do is get everything new and current so that we can put the equipment on a life cycle,” said Dennis Maruska, director, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

“After that, we will start replacing equipment so that every five years we’ve got totally new equipment.

“Once you do it, you’ve got to make the monetary commitment to it one time to get it to standard, then you can maintain it as long as you put money into it.”

The new flooring in the Barnes Nautilus® room has red speckles that match the new equipment. The flooring in the Eifler Physical Fitness Center Nautilus® room is speckled blue.

Along with the new strength equipment, LeMonde and Schwinn indoor Fitness bikes have been added to the room and there are plans to possibly offer spinning classes, a type of group indoor bicycling workout.

“The intent was to have an even split of both

facilities getting new equipment, not just one or the other getting the majority of the equipment,” said Les Woods, chief of Fort Huachuca Sports and Fitness.

Woods went on to say that the Hammer® strength rooms will receive new equipment in October.

There are also plans to install flat screen televisions in the exercise rooms.

Wood said that when Maruska arrived at Fort Huachuca he said that the post has the fundamental basis to become the top installation for sports and fitness for a medium- sized installation and he thinks the new equipment is part of that process.

Work orders have been submitted to the Directorate of Public Works to make Barnes Field House more contemporary and user friendly.

“We are not finished,” Maruska said. “We are going to continue to press with changes here, and for better utilization of our space.

“We got some work orders in to add mezzanines so we have more area to add more fitness equipment to accommodate more people, so that, hopefully, is going to be the next phase.”

This year’s strong monsoon with large amounts of rain held up the repair of the Barnes Nautilus® room roof. The work has now been completed and recreation officials say the room should be open by the time you read this article.

Repairs have also been completed on the Barnes swimming pool. The water is being heated and it should be business as usual by press time.



**Sheryl Childers, recreation assistant at Barnes Field House, checks out new Nautilus® exercise equipment that was installed last week.**



## Buena Colt's host Sue Fletcher invitational

By Rebecca Christian, Buena High School student  
Special to the Scout

Why? Why do I put myself through such agonizing pain every single day? As a Buena High School Cross-Country Fighting Colt, I have run hundreds of miles with only one goal in mind. That goal is to run my best at the State Championships this November and to help our school win. Our coaches, Kim Martin and Steve Havens have the same goals; however they are the masterminds that make daily practices a living nightmare.

“Let’s go visit Elvis today,” says Coach Havens, and the team is already dreading the next two hours. “Visiting Elvis” is code for “Reservoir Hill,” but you run up and down it for two whole hours. This is probably the most dreaded practice of the season. I prefer running out by the Aerostat site or Huachuca Canyon. The most recent Reservoir Hill run was interesting because someone hung a picture of Elvis Presley from a bush near the top of the hill. At the end of practice everyone signed it and could actually say that they “visited Elvis.”

So, let me ask again, “Why?” Well on Sept. 9 the Cross-Country team was host to eight teams at the Sue Fletcher Classic held at Buena High School. Some of the Cross-Country team parents are stationed or

work on Fort Huachuca. Many of them volunteered their time to make this event a huge success. We as runners worked hard too! The Buena Men’s Varsity team placed first overall and the Ladies Varsity finished third. Although the Lady Colts did not win first place, we had a great time.

Eric Harasyn placed first with a meet record time of 15:50:65. Along with Harasyn was Billy Sherod, who placed 12th with a time of 17:16:76. In the Non-Varsity Men’s race, Sean Gearty finished 12th with a time of 19:42:16. Kyle Rae finished with a time of 22:49:73.

In the Varsity Women race, I was the first Lady Colt to finish. I came in ninth overall with a time of 21:07. Finishing in 17th place was teammate, Tasha Saffo.

Now we will train harder, running up and down Reservoir Hill and Huachuca Canyon with a stronger sense of pride. I think it is important to remember that not only do I run for Buena High School, I run for Fort Huachuca too!

The Sue Fletcher Invitational would not have been as successful without the planning and coordination of my mom, Donna Roman, the help of our Cross-Country team parents, the Marines who worked the course, the JROTC support, Colt’s Booster Club, our sponsors and the City of Sierra Vista.



# 2006 Intramural Flag Football Standings (as of September 14, 2006)

## American Football Conference

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
Co. E, 309th MI BN	3	0	1.000	---
Co. C, 304th MI BN	2	0	1.000	½
MEDDAC	3	1	.750	½
HHC 11th SIG	3	1	.750	½
HHC 111th MI	1	2	.333	2
HHC USAG	1	2	.333	2
Co. A, 305th MI BN	1	3	.250	2½
USMC	1	3	.250	2½
18th MP DET	0	3	.000	3

## National Football Conference

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
EPG	3	0	1.000	---
NCOA	2	0	1.000	
Co. B, UASTB	1	0	1.000	1
F Co. F, 309th MI BN	2	1	.667	1
*USBP	2	1	.667	1
Co. A, UASTB	1	1	.500	1½
Co. B, 305th MI BN	1	2	.333	2
JITC	0	2	.000	2½
Co. C, 305th MI BN	0	2	.000	2½
NETCOM	0	3	.000	3

\*Recreational Team

September 14, 2006

NCOA	18
NETCOM	0
USBP	20
Co. F, 309th MI	12
Co. A, UASTB	12
Co. B, 305th MI	6

September 13, 2006

HHC, USAG	16
18th MP DET	15
HHC, 11th Signal Bde	2
Co. A, 305th MI	0
Co. E, 309th MI	12
HHC, 111th MI	0

September 12, 2006

EPG	32
JITC	13
NCOA	20
Co. B, 305th MI	13
Co. F, 309th MI	18
Co. C, 305th MI	0

September 11, 2006

HHC, 11th Signal Bde	16
HHC, USAG	13
MEDDAC	7
Co. A, 305th MI	0
USMC	26
18th MP DET	0



**A running back from Headquarter and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison follows his blocker during a flag football game Sept. 13 against Soldiers from the 18th Military Police Detachment. HHC, USAG defeated the MP's 16 to 15.**

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the southern U.S. border. American Soldiers were the primary component of this "fence," and the construction project was to establish or to upgrade border military posts to protect Soldiers from the elements and to protect U.S. citizens and economic interests.

In 1919, the plan for the camp in Naco, part of the 10th Cavalry Patrol District, was to construct 35 adobe buildings, the only site of the nine western camps to be constructed of adobe and the only site in Arizona largely intact today. Tax records and a Signal Corps border survey photograph verify the construction was completed prior to 1924.

If this information is known, "where is the mystery?" one might ask. The mystery still exists concerning the lack of supporting documentation and photographic evidence of the camp's construction. Without such proof, some question whether the War Department followed through with its plan, or whether the Soldiers ever used the barracks.

While pictures of troops in Naco exist prior to 1917, none have surfaced from the years of 1919 through 1923 which might show the construction of the camp and location of the troops stationed there at that time. It is known the adobe buildings did not exist prior to 1917, as several photographs from 1916 reveal that more than 100 1st Arizona Infantry Soldiers were encamped in tents and temporary buildings on the site which the compound now occupies. Newspaper articles reveal the War Department's plan to construct the compound in Naco. No additional documents have surfaced identifying its date of completion, or even why the War Department choose adobe buildings for Naco.

Although not specifically connected to the mystery of the camp's origin, another interesting chapter in the compound's history is its use as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp during the 1930s. The

men assigned to Company 3839, Camp SCS-18-A, completed upgrades to the facility and performed many tasks in Bisbee and the Mule Mountains, the benefits of which are probably still visible today.

The camp in Naco now stands empty, a rapidly fading chapter in this region's history. Efforts are underway to preserve this piece of history, a task which now has added importance since a fire on May 21, claimed four of the buildings. While overgrown with brush and in disrepair, the camp is still recognizable as a military compound and anyone interested in the local history should drive by to see this connection to the past. Please be aware that the camp is on private property, so it is best to enjoy these historic buildings from the roadside.

While the camp achieved recognition during the 1930s as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, its original purpose as a military camp has particular historical significance as it serves as a reminder of all the Soldiers who stood watch on the border protecting American interests. Who knows? Maybe someone out there has a photograph or document which could answer the questions concerning the camp's construction, finally solving the mystery.

*(Editor's note: Debby Swartzwelder is currently serving as an intern at the Fort Huachuca Museum as part of a University of Arizona South History Department program.)*

*Swartzwelder is assisting the Center for Southwest Studies, Cochise College, in gathering information to nominate the camp to the National Register of Historic Places and would appreciate any information that would help in this endeavor. Please forward questions or information to Debby Swartzwelder at debby\_j@cox.net, with a reference to this article or the camp in the address line.)*

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## Commissary case-lot sale planned

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will have a case-lot sale Friday - Sunday during regular store hours. At case lot sales, patrons can buy bulk quantities of their favorite products and save up to 50 percent; even more than the 30 percent or more they normally save by shopping the commissary.

## Toyland grand opening set

The grand opening of Toyland is Saturday. Specials will be announced soon. Look for fliers at the Main Exchange and Shoppettes soon.

## Holy Family Parish picnic planned

The Holy Family Parish will have their annual picnic from 11:30 a.m. on Sunday at Veterans' Memorial Park. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. at the park. Food will be served immediately following mass. Bratwursts, hotdogs, beef on a stick, drinks and desserts will be provided. The parish community is asked to bring side dishes. There will be activities for the kids.

Bring lawn chairs and come out and enjoy fellowship with the Fort Huachuca Holy Family Parish Community

## Bisbee Community Chorus serves pie

The Bisbee Community Chorus opens its 19th season with a Pie Social and the variety show, "Bisbee Does Broadway."

The show is directed by Alicia Caron, Bisbee Middle School music teacher, and accompanied by pianist Carol Park.

Pie is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Bisbee Community YMCA, 26 Howell Street. Shows start at 7 p.m. next door at the Covenant Presbyterian Church Annex, Friday and Saturday. A matinee is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday with pie served

from 1:20-2:30 pm.

Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available from any chorus member, and in Bisbee at Atalanta's Music & Books, Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, Bisbee Visitor Center, Bisbee Chamber of Commerce and Bisbee Office Supply.

The Bisbee Community Chorus will provide a shuttle from the Lavender Pit viewpoint for those attending the Pie Social and Variety Show. The shuttle will pick up passengers next to Bisbee Blue from 5:30-6:30 P.M. Saturday and 1:30-2:30 P.M. Sunday.

Tickets will be on sale at the shuttle stop, and those using the shuttle must have a Variety Show ticket in hand to board. The shuttle will make return trips after the shows.

For information contact Ruth Dugie at 432-3523 or [bisbeechorus@cableone.net](mailto:bisbeechorus@cableone.net).

## Mentors for youth needed

Southeast Arizona Behavioral Health Services Inc. is seeking people to volunteer to mentor at-risk youth in the organizations New Turf Prevention Program in Cochise County. Applicants must be at least 21 years old and will receive six hours of training.

The purpose of the program is to positively impact at-risk children's lives.

The average commitment is 1-3 hours a week for one year. For information call 459-6377 extension 211.

## Cooking demo at Farmers Market

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Bisbee Farmers Market, the market steering committee will present a cooking demonstration using foods available at the market. Children are also encouraged to bring their arts and crafts to sell at the market that day.

Other upcoming events include a pie baking

demonstration and contest on Sept. 30 and a fiber arts festival on Oct. 7 which is an annual event.

The Bisbee Farmers Market is open in from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at Vista Park in Bisbee.

To get to Vista Park from Sierra Vista, take either Highway 92 or Highway 90 then Highway 80 to the Bisbee roundabout. Take the Bisbee Road exit and continue until you reach Vista Park on the left.

For information, call Suzi Pretty 234-3306.

## Pie baking contest, demonstration held

To enter the Bisbee Farmers Market Pie Baking Contest, bring your pie and recipe to the information booth by 10 a.m. Sept. 30. There will be a pie baking demonstration at 10:30 a.m. The \$25 grand prize winner will be announced at 11 a.m. Arrive early for the best selection of farm fresh produce then stay around to shop for a wide variety of local arts and crafts and enjoy live music by Pat Gahn.

This will be the last chance this year for low-income mothers of young children to use Arizona Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers to purchase fresh produce.

The Bisbee Farmers Market is open in Vista Park from 8 A.M. to noon on Saturdays. For more information about the Bisbee Farmers Market, call Suzi Pretty at 234-3306. To get to Vista Park from Sierra Vista, take either SR 92 or SR 90 then SR 80 to the Bisbee roundabout. Take the Bisbee Road exit and continue until you reach Vista Park on the left.

## B.O.S.S. meets

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is holding a meeting 3 p.m. Wednesday at Murr Community Center, building 51031.

For more information, call 533-1100.

## At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.  
Talladega Nights  
PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.  
The Descent  
R

Saturday -7 p.m.  
Snakes on a Plane  
R

Sunday -2 p.m.  
Step Up  
PG-13

Monday - Wednesday  
Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

## Watch CAC

The Commander's Access Channel is your channel. We provide a window to the military community that you live in. Committed to the value of community television we are your source for military news and local information. We share in your successes and connect you to the events that are shaping your future. We're your channel.... Cable 97.



## Where's Wettie?

Wettie is here to let you know that Mountain View Golf Course has been irrigated with treated effluent (recycled sewage) from the Post sewage treatment plant since the late 1960's.

This process saves a lot of

water and helps to recharge the underground aquifer.

Wettie reminds everyone to not drive across creeks flooded by monsoon rains, as it can be very dangerous. Use an alternate safe route or wait until the water is gone.

Congratulations to **Jasmine Gonzales of Smith Middle School, seventh-grade**, who correctly identified Wettie's location.

This contest is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program and The Fort Huachuca Scout.





# Golfers compete at Post Championship

Scout Reports

Mountain View Golf Course held the Post Championship Sept 9 – 10. Sixty-three players contested for the title with more than 36 holes of stroke play. The winner was J.P. Bailey, who shot 74-74, four over par, and won by 4 strokes over Dave Wilson. Low net for the field was Ernest Ocariza, who shot 5 under and won by 3. Following are the top finishers in the five flights:

Low Gross overall and Post Champion:  
J.P. Bailey 74-74 148

Low net overall:  
Ernest Ocariza 87(64) & 97(75) net 139

Championship Flight Gross

Dave Wilson	74-78	152
Memory Holland	77-77	154
Billy Roberts	77-84	161
Don Medley	80-83	163

Net

Don Gordon	76 (69) & 78 (71)	140
Don Paul	83 (76) & 82 (75)	151
Cliff Gray	79 (76) & 78 (75)	151

A Flight Gross

Ryan Hightower	81-79	160
Glenn Gaskins	83-81	164
Frank Okiyama	82-83	165
Joe Arsenault	84-82	166

Net

Pixie Smith	82 (73) & 80 (71)	144
Conrad Zepeda	83 (74) & 82 (73)	147

B Flight Gross

Fred Johnston	83-84	167
Don Ratcliff	88-83	171
Ed Snell	87-87	174
Peter Forma	85-90	175

Net

Terrel Buck	82 (72) & 86 (76)	148
Jim Shak	87 (76) & 84 (73)	149

C Flight Gross

Hank Greenland	82-82	164
Steve Robinson	85-88	173
Ralph Johnson	88-88	176
Sandy Cornegay	88-90	178

Net

Joe Yox	85 (70) & 87 (72)	142
Kendall Brown	85 (72) & 91 (78)	150

D Flight Gross

George Johnson	86-89	175
Tom Thye	92-96	188
John Glover	92-101	193
Fred Allan	95-99	194

Net

Bill Ingram	88 (71) & 88 (71)	142
Bob Korona	93 (71) & 96 (74)	145



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